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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/17/07

SPONSOR Rodella LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1108

SHORT TITLE ENCHANTED CIRCLE SIROLI PROJECT SB _____

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$80.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1108 proposes \$80.0 from the General Fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for the Enchanted Circle Sirolli project.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$80.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA reports that the funding will cover a facilitator's consulting costs. The facilitator's goal is to provide the community with best-practice tools to allow the program to eventually become self sustaining. The Enchanted Circle Sirolli project works closely with the local Chamber of Commerce in Taos, Questa, Angel Fire, Eagle Nest, Red River and Penasco as well as the Regional Development Corporation, and UNM's entrepreneurship program.

Funding in the past has assisted in creating 30 businesses and employing 100 persons. The objective was to create 50 jobs and this program has doubled those goals.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA notes that this is outside its scope of expertise and therefore recommends that the language be amended to read: “Eighty thousand dollars (\$80.0) is appropriated from the general fund to the Economic Development Department for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 for the enchanted circle sirolli project in northern New Mexico. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.”

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